

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Proposition 50, Chapter 8 Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Grant

PIN	3884	COUNTY	Multiple Counties
APPLICANT	San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District	AMOUNT REQUESTED	\$498,560
PROJECT TITLE	IRWMP for the Upper Santa Ana Water Resources Association	TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$761,960

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Develop an IRWMP to ensure that local water in the region is put to reasonable and beneficial use to reduce reliance on imported water supply and to achieve the regional water management objectives.

WORK PLAN - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has a detailed and specific work plan that adequately documents the proposal. Weighting factor is 3.

Score: 12

Comment: The work plan is clear and implementable and work item are clearly identified. The work plan could have provided more detail for certain tasks. The work plan, budget, and schedule are generally consistent. The schedule is reasonable and shows a definite performance period. However, not all tasks in the work plan and budget are in the schedule. Further, because of different ID numbers, tasks were difficult to track in the schedule. The IRWMP be will be adopted by January 1, 2007. Total consultant Senior Principal Engineer and Principal Engineering Geologist time in the budget seems high.

DESCRIPTION OF REGION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented a detailed and specific description that adequately documents the region. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 3

Comment: The applicant will be the lead agency on the IRWMP. The region's boundaries are well defined and the bases for those boundaries were presented. Water quality and water quantity were not discussed. Ecological processes, environmental resources, the social and cultural makeup of the regional community, cultural or social values, and economic conditions and trends within the region were also not discussed. The proposal appears to be adjacent to PINs 4156 and 4558.

OBJECTIVES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific planning objectives. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: Objectives for the IRWMP include: 1) increase water supply reliability or reduce demand on imported water; 2) develop and deliver a new, local, high-quality, long-term water supply needed to meet part of anticipated future demands; 3) address groundwater issues; 4) protect and enhance water quality; 5) develop cost-effective water supply; and 6) provide adequate monitoring for water supply and water quality. The applicant did not thoroughly address statewide priorities. The objectives described in this section could have been more specific.

INTEGRATION OF WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented how water management strategies will be integrated. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The applicant provided a preliminary list of water management strategies that they plan to consider and integrate. There was discussion of using some analytical tools to help evaluate water management strategies for the EIR; however, no discussion of how these strategies were determined or how the strategies work together to benefit water management was provided. The application includes letter of support from an overlapping region (SAWPA) and PIN 4156.

IMPLEMENTATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately detailed plan implementation. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 6

Comment: The applicant states that implementation is expected to span about 10 to 12 years and that a schedule will be developed during the planning process. The implementation component was not developed, and the proposal does not show any type of process for determining an implementation schedule. Applicant does not propose a process or mechanism that allows for the monitoring of the performance of the IRWMP implementation or changes to the IRWMP

IMPACTS AND BENEFITS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately presented and documented the impacts and benefits of the Plan. Weighting factor is 2.

Score: 8

Comment: The proposed Plan includes an analysis of potential impacts within the region and adjacent areas and an analysis of potential benefits of developing the proposed Plan. The proposal also touches on plan for complying with CEQA in the Work Plan, but does not elaborate how it will be accomplished. The proposal presents a generalized process for identifying the benefits and impacts without really stating a particular methodology accomplishing this. The specific modeling tools to be employed to identify the potential benefits and impacts are not fully explained.

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DATA AND TECHNICAL ANALYSIS - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data and technical analysis components of the proposal. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The applicant states that extensive data for the Santa Ana River has been recorded for 100 years. There is substantial data available to help with IRWMP implementation. The applicant did not discuss how the IRWMP will assess the status of existing water quantity and water quality monitoring in the region or describe any studies that support the planning process.

DATA MANAGEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has presented detailed and specific data management procedures. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: The proposed IRWMP includes a process for gathering and managing data from development and implementation of the IRWMP and disseminating data to stakeholders, agencies, and the public. It is not clear how data management will support statewide needs other than to say federal and State stakeholders that will be encouraged to participate throughout development of the IRWMP. Any groundwater quality monitoring conducted as a result of the IRWMP will be integrated into the SWRCB's statewide data management efforts.

STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented stakeholder involvement concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 4

Comment: A comprehensive list of stakeholders was provided. A process to identify and include additional stakeholders is identified. Water related entities within the region will be included in the planning process. The proposal identifies processes for stakeholder involvement in IRWMP development and implementation. Environmental justice concerns were not addressed.

DISADVANTAGE COMMUNITIES - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented disadvantaged community concerns. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 3

Comment: The applicant states that DAC will be full members of in the development of the IRWMP and will provide input and comments. DACs in the region were discussed but not identified and documented; therefore, it is difficult to evaluate whether representatives will actually be included in the planning process as the applicant states. The applicant addressed neither water supply and water quality needs of the DACs, nor how IRWMP implementation will directly benefit DACs.

RELATION TO LOCAL PLANNING - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented the Plan's relationship to local planning efforts. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: Planning documents in the region are listed and will be assembled and reviewed. They will provide a foundation for developing the IRWMP. These documents include: regional planning documents; local water supply planning reports; EIRs related to water supply planning; institutional planning documents; and water quality and flood control reports.

AGENCY COORDINATION - Scoring will be based on whether the applicant has adequately documented agency coordination issues. Weighting factor is 1.

Score: 5

Comment: The proposed IRWMP provides for coordination and cooperation with the relevant local, State, and federal agencies in plan components. The proposed IRWMP facilitates coordination with local land-use planning decision makers in addition to State and federal regulatory agencies.

TOTAL SCORE: 70